



APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED FOR THE CITY OF LYNCHBURG'S BUSINESS RECOVERY LOAN PROGRAM

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Lynchburg small businesses have been affected significantly. While there is some state and federal aid available, not everyone has been able to apply or qualified for these programs. To assist these businesses, the Economic Development Authority of the City of Lynchburg, with guidance from the Business Development Center, has allocated a portion (\$250,000) of the existing Revolving Loan Fund to create the Business Recovery Loan Program.

The Business Recovery Loan is designed to aid Lynchburg small businesses with their COVID-19 recovery efforts, with loan amounts varying from \$5,000 to \$25,000. While not forgivable, there are generous allotments for repayment and interest rates, and application and origination fees have been waived. These loans can be used to cover expenses such as payroll, rent, utilities and accounts payable, among other costs.

Guidelines for qualification include the following:

- Business **has not** been approved or receive Economic Injury Disaster Loan Emergency (EIDL), EIDL Advance, or Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) funding
- Must be located in the City of Lynchburg, independently owned and have 25 or fewer employees
- Business must have been in operation in 2018
- Must be current on all City taxes through February 29, 2020

Interested applicants can find more details and apply at opportunitylynchburg.com.

REGIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN PUBLIC MEETING



Has your home, business, or community been impacted or damaged by a natural hazard? The Central Virginia Planning District Commission (CVPDC) is developing a pre-disaster plan (or Hazard Mitigation Plan) to establish strategies to lessen the vulnerability and impact of individual, families, businesses and property in the region.

Community Input Opportunity

The public is invited to participate in a webinar to learn about the pre-disaster plan, hazard data and resource information for our area, review draft mitigation strategies and learn how to view and provide comment on the Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan Public Meeting Thursday, June 25, 5:30 p.m.

Join the Webinar:

By Phone

Toll Free: 1-646-558-8656
Meeting ID: 863 1061 9766

Online

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86310619766>

For more information, contact Kelly Hitchcock, CVPDC at (434) 845-3941 or kelly.hitchcock@cvpdc.org.

LAKESIDE DRIVE BRIDGE OVER BLACKWATER CREEK

The City of Lynchburg plans to construct a new section of Lakeside Drive in order to improve traffic flow through the existing intersection at Lakeside Drive/College Drive/Old Forest Road and as a required predecessor to the College Lake Dam removal project. These modifications will improve safety and provide improved access to the University of Lynchburg via Hopwood Drive.

The project will realign US 221 Lakeside Drive downstream from the existing roadway as a four-lane highway from Blue Ridge Street to east of Joel Street. In addition to the associated road construction, the project will include the following key features:

- Roundabout intersection between Old Forest Road, College Drive, Lakeside Drive and Hopwood Drive
- Realignment of the existing intersection between Old Forest Road, College Drive and Lakeside Drive, including the removal of existing signalization features
- Four-Lane, multi-span bridge with Shared Use Paths over Blackwater Creek
- Sidewalk for improved pedestrian travel

A virtual public involvement meeting will be scheduled in the near future to keep citizens engaged and gather input about the project area. The meeting will be advertised via email, media outlets, including press releases, and a page on the city's website, www.lynchburgva.gov.

The project schedule is below and will be updated on an as needed basis.

Notice to Proceed: **February 25, 2020**
Design and Permitting Phase: **Ongoing**
Construction Start: **Fall 2020**
Projected Completion: **June 30, 2023**

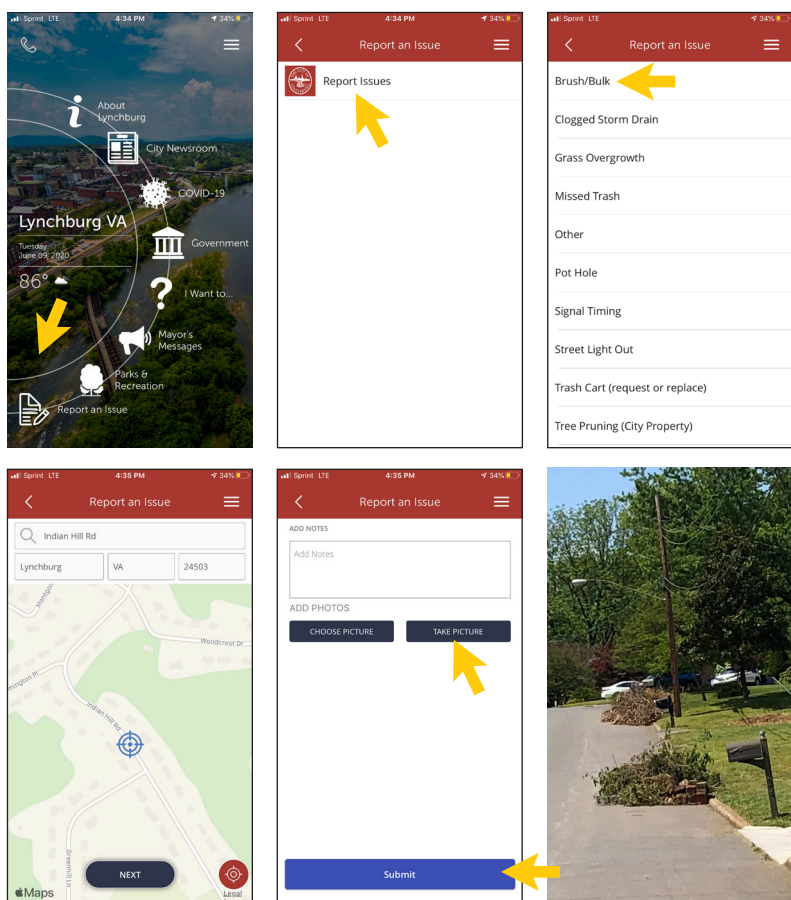
For more information about this project, send an email to English Construction at Lakesideinfo@englishconst.com.

REPORTING AN ISSUE WITH THE LYNCHBURG VA APP

The department of Public Works needs your help! As a result of COVID-19 and residents having more time to spruce up their homes, the City is currently overrun with bulk and brush. With a little help from residents, they hope to speed up the process.

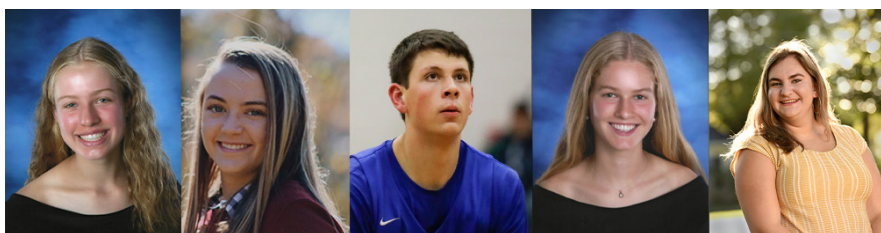
Did you know that the City of Lynchburg has an app? It can be used on both Apple and Android devices. One of its many features is the ability to **Report an Issue**.

Perhaps you see a pile of brush that has been sitting curbside for what seems like forever. How can you help? Download the app and follow these steps! Using your phone's GPS, it pinpoints your location and allows you to take a photo which gives City employees a firsthand look at the issue.



That's it! Once submitted, your ticket goes directly to Citizens First and they will forward the issue to the appropriate department for resolution.

To download the app, visit: www.lynchburgva.gov/apps



MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL GRADUATING SENIORS

On behalf of the City of Lynchburg, Mayor Treney Tweedy extends congratulations and thanks to the graduating members of the Mayor's Youth Council (MYC) for their service to the Lynchburg community! The 2020 graduates of the Mayor's Youth Council include Anne Townsend (E.C. Glass), Gracie Patterson (Liberty Christian Academy), Jackson Brestel (E.C. Glass), Virginia Townsend (E.C. Glass), and Landis Thompson (Virginia Episcopal School).

The City of Lynchburg's Mayor's Youth Council consists of a group of high school students who have a desire to develop leadership skills and to learn about city government. The mission of the MYC is to explore and communicate the needs, problems, and issues affecting youth in the City of Lynchburg regardless of race, gender, or socio-economic level. One of the purposes of the MYC is to serve as a liaison to the Mayor, City Council, City Administration and the City's youth. Applications for the MYC are currently being accepted for the 2020-2021 school year. Visit www.lynchburgva.gov/mayors-youth-council to complete and application for consideration. For more information, call (434) 455-3964.

